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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Tracee Eidenschink</b>
<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/663641</b>
<b>Filed:</b>	<b>September 17, 2003</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>TWISTED BALLOON ASSEMBLY FOR BETTER RE-WRAP</b>
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<b>Not Yet Assigned</b>

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**Docket No.: S63.2B-11019-US01**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached: **4 Page Information Disclosure Statement, 3 Page List of References, 3 References and Return Postcard.**
2. With respect to fees:
  - ☒ No additional fee is required.
  - ☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
  - ☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS

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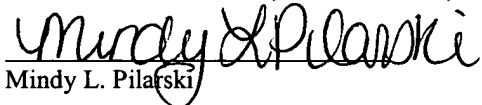
  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Listed below or on an attached form listing the cited references and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication, U.S. patent, foreign patent and U.S. patent application is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, *except that* U.S. applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, **Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.**

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If the form listing the cited references or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

Applications that are listed on the accompanying form listing the cited references as related by priority are related by priority claim under 35 USC §120. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of cited art in a previous application(s) to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the form listing the cited references and/or 892 forms from these cases.

☒ I. This statement qualifies as a no-fee Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) or otherwise because to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney it is being filed (check all that apply):

- ☒ (1) within 3 months of the filing date of the application (other than a CPA); or
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- ☐ (5) as part of a continued prosecution application (CPA); or
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- ☐ (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or
- ☐ (2) a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

\_\_\_\_ **III. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).** If this statement is being filed after the mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but before payment of the issue fee, then:

- \_\_\_\_ (1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is completed below; and  
\_\_\_\_ (2) a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

**X** **IV. Fee Authorization.** If any fee is due for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and full payment has not been submitted herewith, regardless of which boxes have been checked above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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\_\_\_\_ I hereby certify, under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the date of the filing of this information disclosure statement.

\_\_\_\_ This communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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*For the purpose of this certification, Applicant considers the PCT International Search Authority to constitute a foreign patent office.*

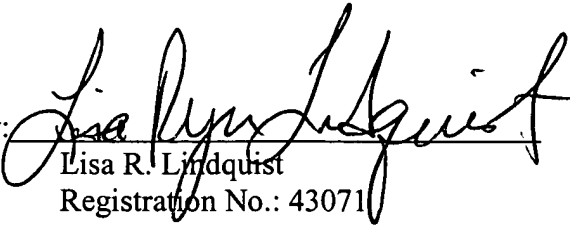
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Respectfully submitted,

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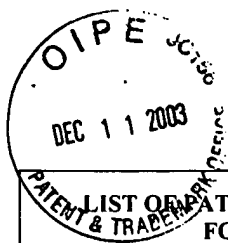
  
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